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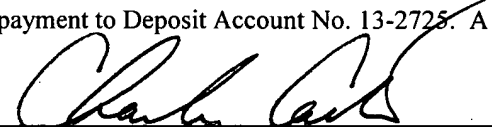
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

The above-identified application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application S/N 08/735,889 (filed October 23, 1996). Enclosed are copies of the following documents from the Application Serial No. 08/735,889: Information Disclosure Statement (filed December 20, 1996), Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (filed January 9, 1997), Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (filed April 29, 1997) and Examiner's Form PTO-892 dated July 1, 1997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the documents or other information previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in

parent application, U.S. Serial No.08/735,889 have not been provided. The following document was not cited in the parent application: Australian Patent Document AU-A-20376/95.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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